

people of Boston so far as
regarding the 1st. Gladstone is
I think change their tone if they
were themselves to face the condition
of society that Gladstone (if his measure
be carried) will create in it.
It would simply be breaking over
the island to 'abolish a & bally
island'. The most exclusive.
Though not the most eloquent speaker
in the H. of Commons I think that
of Jos. B. on the night
Tell any of your friends who care
to form a social judgement to
read that in full.

My little Mexican book is at
last approach complete
Victor unit the best greeting
ever yours

John 11. 11

10 Southall, as you are S.W.
15. 11. 11

My dear Gray

We have been (my wife & I)
much plagued with coughs -
throats &c. but I hope that
a week spent at Tunbridge Wells
has set us right - The inconvenience
has been that until yesterday
I have not been able to get
to Kew for six weeks - I had
as much as I could do & have
not yet had time to go through
the parcels of Pringle's plants -
I get them poisoned at Kew before
they are sent home - I suppose
that Mr Pringle will let me know
the amount of my debt this and

also his address - that I may
remit the amount to him.

I hear also that I have -
a very nice collection -
a set of plants from Gray's speak
after he has been satisfied
and I thank you in advance -
for the gift.

I hope to have a small
parcel of Chilean & Argentine
plants to send you later
this year -

I have a great lot of duplicates
of European & Mediterranean
plants which might be
acceptable to some of your
botanical friends, & which
I would gladly give in

token of sympathy with
naturalists - but to speak plainly
I can't afford the time to write
out proper labels - but if the
receiver would be satisfied with
labels in pencil - I will take the
trouble to copy them fairly. I
shall put a parcel together &
offer - At the same
time I should make a separate
parcel of the other species which
might be acceptable for
your herbarium and from which
you might choose without the
trouble of writing on the whole
lot.

I am, in common with most
thinking men here, deeply troubled
at the present state of public
affairs in this country. &